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FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

EO 11652: GDS
TAGSAS OVIP (HENRY A. KISSINGER), SY
SUBJECT: CALL ON SOVIET AMBASSADOR

1. AS YOU INSTRUCTED, I CALLED ON SOVIET AMBASSADOR
MOUKHITDINOV THIS MORNING AT 8:45. I CONVEYED TO HIM
YOUR MESSAGE FOR MR. GROMYKO EXPRESSING (A) YOUR WARM
PERSONAL GREETINGS, AND (B) YOUR SINCERE REGRETS THAT
YOU WERE NOT ABLE TO SEE HIM IN DAMASCUS.

2. SOVIET AMBASSADOR SAID HE WOULD CONVEY THIS MESSAGE
IMMEDIATELY. AS EXPECTED, HE TRIED TO PROBE TO ASCERTAIN
MY VIEWS ON THE SITUATION. I TOLD HIM THAT OF COURSE WE
WERE ALL HOPEFUL BUT THAT I HAD NOT PARTICIPATED IN THE
NEGOTIATIONS AND WAS THEREFORE IN NO POSITION TO DISCUSS
ANY SPECIFICS. HE ACCEPTED THIS EXPLANATION WITH SEEMING
EQUANIMITY.

3. MOUKHPLDINOV WANTED TO KNOW WHEN SEC. SISCO
WAS ARRIVING. AT THAT POINT IN THE MORNING I DID NOT
KNOW AND TOLD HIM SO. MOUKHITDINOV SAID HE WOULD BE
AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE DAY SHOULD I HAVE ANY MESSAGE
FOR MR. GROMYKO FROM MR. SISCO.

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4. MOUKHITDINOV ALSO SENDS HIS BIRTHDAY WISHES TO YOU

AND EXTRESSED HIS ADMIRATION FOR YOUR EFFORTS, WHICH WE
BOTH AGREED WERE "FOR THE COMMON GOOD OF THE PEOPLE IN
THE AREA AND PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD."

5. COMMENT: MOUKHITDINOV APPEARED TO BE GENUINELY PLEASED
BY MY CALL.
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